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SUBJECT: POLITICAL PRISONERS RELEASED

REF: A. QUITO 5950; B. QUITO 5944; C. QUITO 4112; D. QUITO 4056

1. THE GOE HAS CARRIED OUT ITS ANNOUNCED INTENTION (REPORTED IN REF A) TO RELEASE THE THREE POLITICIANS IMPRISONED FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

2. FRANCISCO HUERTA MONTALVO, HEAD OF THE RADICAL LIBERAL PARTY, WAS RELEASED ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS ON NOVEMBER 28. HIS SON IS SERIOUSLY ILL, AND HUERTA WAS FREED TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO A HOSPITAL IN BOSTON.

3. ABDON CALDERON MUNOZ, DIRECTOR OF THE RADICAL ALFARISTA FRONT AND A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE DEMOCRATIC RESTORATION FRONT WAS RELEASED ON DECEMBER 3. HE HAD MADE A PUBLIC ISSUE OF THE CENTRAL BANK'S SALE OF GOLD AT \$35 PER OUNCE. THIS SALE WAS ONE OF THE FACTORS WHICH EVENTUALLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CENTRAL BANK, EDUARDO LARREA STACEY. (REF B).

4. MANUEL ARAUJO HIDALGO, A VELASQUISTA POLITICIAN AND
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A FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE DEMOCRATIC RESTORATION FRONT,

WAS ALSO RELEASED ON DECEMBER 3. HE HAD BEEN RATHER
OUTSPOKEN IN HIS CRITICISM OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
(REFS C AND D).

5. ALL THREE POLITICIANS HAD BEEN CONFINED IN DIFFERENT
MILITARY GARRISONS IN THE ORIENTE SINCE AUGUST. THEIR
RELEASE COINCIDES WITH QUITO WEEK (THE CAPITAL'S MAJOR
FIESTA OF THE YEAR) AND THE BEGINNING OF THE HOLIDAY
SEASON, AND IS AN INDICATION OF THE REGIME'S SELF-CONFIDENCE.

6. SO FAR THE RELEASED POLITICIANS HAVE NOT SAID MUCH
PUBLICLY AND THEY HAVE NOT ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF
MISTREATING THEM WHILE THEY WERE HELD IN THE ORIENTE.
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